

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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Last Friday, November 22, 1963, I reported for work at 10:00 AM. My partner, C. N. Dhorthy, was on a day off, and I was working alone. At approximately 11:00 AM, Det. J. R. Leavelle and myself started looking for a colored male that was wanted for armed robbery by this Bureau. At 12:15 PM, we arrested this subject at 2421 Ellis Street and brought him to the Homicide Office for booking. While Det. Leavelle and myself were booking this prisoner, we heard the police radio announce that the President had been shot and was enroute to Parkland Hospital. Det. Leavelle and I placed this prisoner in jail and proceeded to the location of the shooting at Elm and Houston. When we arrived at the location, we found that the Book Depository was sealed off for search. Det. Leavelle went in one direction, and I went to the rear of the building and entered. I saw several officers and proceeded to the sixth floor. I contacted Capt. Fritz. Capt. Fritz advised me and Det. B. L. Senkel, who was already there, to bring the employees of this building to the Homicide Office and get affidavits from them. Det. Senkel and I brought three of these employees to the office, and I took an affidavit from a William H. Shelley, w/m/37, of 126 South Tatum Street, FE 7-1969. While I was taking this affidavit from Mr. Shelley, a group of officers brought a Lee Harvey Oswald in, and these officers stated that he was the one that shot officer J. D. Tippit. Mr. Shelley saw this Oswald, and told me that he was one of his employees at the book store. After I took the affidavit from Mr. Shelley in regards to his whereabouts and action after the shooting, I took a second one from him relating to the employment and job supervision of Oswald. Det. Senkel took an affidavit from a

Bonnie Ray Williams, c/m/, of 1502 Avenue B, that we brought from the building. The rest of the night until 2:30 am, November 23, 1963, was spent in the Homicide and Robbery Bureau answering telephones. The next day, which was the 24th of November, I took an affidavit from a Mr. Seymour Weitzman, w/m, of 2802 Oats Drive, DA 7-6624. This man is a deputy constable working out of Constable Robbie Love's office, in the Court House Building. This man and a Deputy Boone of the Sheriff's office were on the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building and found the rifle used in the shooting of the President. Throughout the day and night I remained in the Homicide office continuing the investigation.

At approximately 6:00 pm Lt. T. P. Wells gave my partner, C. N. Dhority, and myself information that the bus driver that picked up Oswald near the scene of the President's murder was driving the Piedmont bus #50 and would be at the intersection of Commerce and Harwood at 6:15 pm. We walked over to the bus stop and stopped this bus which was driven by a Mr. McWatters, and he accompanied us to the Homicide Office where my partner took an affidavit from him. This suspect Oswald, when arrested, had a bus transfer slip in his pocket and Mr. McWatters identified this as being the one that he had punched earlier. After the affidavit was taken by my partner, we both took Mr. McWatters to the Police Assembly Room located in the basement of the city hall for a lineup. Mr. McWatters identified Oswald as #2 man in a 4-man lineup at 6:30 pm, numbering left to right on the stage. Mr. McWatters went back to his work, and my partner and I returned to the Homicide Office for further investigation.